



9 October 2013

To: The Members of the Maryland Military Department

I am pleased to announce the appointment of COL Jeffrey P. Kramer as the Director of the Joint Staff. COL Kramer currently serves as Commander of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade. He replaces BG Linda L. Singh, who held the position prior to her selection as the Commander of the Maryland Army National Guard last month.

Prior to assuming command of the 29th CAB, COL Kramer was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, for the Maryland Army National Guard. Previously, COL Kramer served in a variety of staff and command positions in the Maryland Army National Guard, including G5, Assistant G3, Assistant J3, 29th CAB S1, and Commander, HHC, 29th CAB. From April 2009 to August 2010 COL Kramer was mobilized and served as the Deputy Division Chief, Global Force Management, HQDA G-3/5/7, at the Pentagon, and thereafter as the Senior Army National Guard Advisor to Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan.

COL Kramer is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services and Staff School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Marine Corps War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (third award), the Army Commendation Medal (second award), the Army Achievement Medal (second award), the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (fourth award), the National Defense Service Medal (second award), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass, "M" device and numeral "2", the NATO Medal, the Senior Army Aviator Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

COL Kramer is a graduate of Calvert Hall College High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola College and a master's degree from The Marine Corps University.

James A. Adkins
Major General, MDARNG
Adjutant General of Maryland